

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2490  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2018**

**CRITERION FOR STOPPAGES**

**2490. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Railway allows stoppages on the basis of any criteria;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Railways has violated this criteria for allowing stoppages to certain trains; and**
- (d) whether the Government will ensure that stoppages will be given only on the basis of common criteria and there will be no violations?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. At present, Indian Railways have a policy for provision of stoppage of trains. Some of the important criteria are as under:-**

**(1) Total sale of tickets at the station for both UP and Down directions distance wise, class-wise & cost wise.**

**(2) Traffic pattern at the station**

**(3) Availability of alternative services, convenience and occupancy of existing services.**

**(4) Nature of train and occupancy in question**

**(5) Passing time of the train in question at the station where stoppage is under consideration.**

**(6) Operational constraints- effect on the line capacity of the section and punctuality of other services**

**The policy guidelines which encompasses both the operational and commercial aspects for provision of stoppage of trains *inter alia* stipulates that the minimum number of tickets to be sold at the station so as to recover the cost of stoppage (which ranges from ₹ 12,716/- to ₹ 24,506/- depending upon traction, composition and other factors) should be 40 or more tickets per day per train for sleeper class for a distance of 500 kms or its equivalent in terms of cost for mixed class of passengers like AC, General and distance (multiple of 100 kms) toward/from destination/originating stations of the train. The policy also stipulates that no additional stoppage to be provided in sections having capacity utilization above 90%. Additionally, population and significance of the town/city and new developments there at, are other factors taken into account while considering provision of new stoppages.**

**(c) & (d): Indian Railways consistently receives a large number of requests for provision of stoppages of trains at various stations. Experience suggests that most of the requests do not meet the extant commercial parameters stipulated in the policy guidelines for provision of stoppages. Generally, in those cases where the overall running time is not impacted by the provision of additional stoppage, Indian Railways resorts to provision of experimental stoppages for limited period with the dual intent to meet the aspirations of travelling public as also to gauge the volume of traffic.**